

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: USE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS BOUND TO  
CARRIER MACROMOLECULES

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated November 29, 2006, for which a response is due on February 28, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one (1) month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to March 29, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.